13.	महाराष्ट्र	40412	0
14.	मणिपुर	2182	239
15.	मेघालय	5484	2990
16.	मिजोरम	298	14
17.	नागालैंड	1216	63
18.	उडीसा	46989	13350
19.	पंजाब	12428	0
20.	राजस्थान	37889	3497
21.	सिक्किम	447	42
22.	तमिलनाडु	15822	0
23.	त्रिपुरा	855	52
24.	उत्तर प्रदेश	112803	24873
25.	पश्चिम बंगाल	37910	8572
	जोड़	586165	58016
	संघ शासित क्षेत्र	1093	3
	कुल जोड़	587258	85019

(स्त्रोतः केन्द्रिय विद्युत प्राधिकरण)।

टिप्पणीः बिहार और प. बगाल से संबंधित सूचना 1981 की जनगणना से संबंधित है और जम्मू व कश्मीर तथा मेघालय के संबंध में सूचना 1971 की जनगणना से संबंधित है।

Action plan for evacuation of surplus power

2589. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHER-JEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the surplus power available in east ern region during peak and off-peak period, specifying NTPC's share in the same;

(b) the action plan to evacuate the surplus power;

(c) the status of the Sasaram HVDC back to back link from eastern-region to northern region, capital cost and comple tion period of the project; and

(d) the status of Rourkela—Raipur 400 KV D/C line alongwith cost and project completion time?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The Eastern Region is surplus in power to the extent of about 1000 MW in peak hours and 3000 MW during the off-peak hours. The share of NTPC in the surplus power is about 1000 MW during peak hours and 1500 MW during off-peak hours.

(b) The following steps have been taken to evacuate surplus power from Eastern Region:

(i) Allocation of power has been made from unallocated power of cent-

ral sector stations in Eastern Region in favour of States/UTs in the Northern, Eastern, Western, Southern and North Eastern Regions to the extent possible depending on the requirement of States/UTs and availability of transmission lines.

(ii) A Committee headed by Member (PS), Central Electricity Authority has recommended an Action Plan for maximising export of surplus power from Eastern Region (ER) to neighboring regions. The Committee has recommended long term allocation of surplus power of ER to the neighboring regions with payment of fixed charges in proportion to capacity allocation and energy charges payable in proportion to actual energy drawal with a view to motivate drawee States to maintain their drawal on continuous basis. HVDC back to back station at Sasaram connecting Eastern with Northern Region is expected to be commissioned by March, 2002 and would enable export of additional power from the region.

(c) The Government has approved the Sasaram HVDC back to back link between Eastern and Northern Regions at an estimated cost of Rs. 671.56 crores, based on 3rd quarter of 1997 price level. The process of award for transmission line as well as HVDC station has been initiated. The project is scheduled to be completed in December, 2001.

(d)-The feasibility report for Rourkele—Raipur 400 KV D/C line, for interconnecting Eastern and Western Regions, has been submitted to CBA for techno economic clearance. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 298 Crores.

Electricity generation tax in Himachal Pradesh

2590. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals to levy Electricity generation tax in Himachal Pradesh are pending with the Ministry;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor with effective date of pendency;

(c) whether Government propose to take some decision on these pending proposals enabling the State Government to increaseits financial resources as sug gested by Shri C. Rangarajan Expert Committee constituted on 31st August, 1992; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d) The Himachal Pradesh Electricity (Tax on generation) Bill, 1995 passed by the Government of H.P. was received by the Union Government on 20-11-1995 for presidential assent. As the Government of Punjab, Rajasthan and Haryana had opposed the levy of such a tax by the State of Himachal Pradesh, it was decided to' withhold the Presidential assent to the Bill. The Government of India is considering the enactment of a legislation for the levy of a cess on generation of electricity, the proceeds of which will be shared with the State Governments.

New Power Project in North Cachar Hills district in Assam

2591. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for setting up a power project in Lower Kopili River of North Cachar Hills district in the State of Assam?